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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and/or listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended): A method of forming a catalyst for polymerization and copolymerization of ethylene comprising:

preparing a magnesium solution by contact-reacting a halogenated magnesium compound with alcohol;

reacting saidthe magnesium solution with an ester compound having comprising at least one hydroxy group, or a phosphorus compound and a silicon compound having comprising alkoxy groups, and then producing a solid component by adding a mixture of a titanium compound and a silicon compound thereto; and

reacting saidthe solid component with an aluminum compound, and then reacting the same with a titanium compound, or a titanium compound and a vanadium compound.

- 18. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the ester compound containing comprising at least one hydroxy group comprises an unsaturated aliphatic acid ester havingcomprising at least one hydroxy group, an aliphatic monoester or polyester havingcomprising at least one hydroxy group, an aromatic ester havingcomprising at least one hydroxy group, or an alicyclic ester havingcomprising at least one hydroxy group.
- 19. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the phosphorus compound comprises phosphorus trichloride, phosphorus tribromide, diethylchlorophosphite,

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diphenylchlorophosphite, diethylbromophosphite, diphenylbromophosphite, dimethylchlorophosphite, phenylchlorophosphite, trimethylphosphite, triethylphosphite, tri-n-butylphosphite, trioctylphosphite, tridecylphosphite, triphenylphosphite, triethylphosphate, tri-n-butylphosphate, or triphenylphosphate.

- 20. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the silicon compound havingcomprising alkoxy groups comprises dimethyldimethoxysilane, dimethyldiethoxysilane, diphenyldimethoxysilane, methylphenylmethoxysilane, diphenyldiethoxysilane, ethyltrimethoxysilane, methyltrimethoxysilane, phenyltrimethoxysilane, methyltriethoxysilane, ethyltriethoxysilane, vinyltriethoxysilane, butyltriethoxysilane, phenyltriethoxysilane, ethyltriisopropoxysilane, vinyltributoxysilane, ethylsilicate, or methyltriaryloxylsilane.
- 21. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the titanium compound is represented by a general formula of $\overline{\text{Ti}(OR)_a}X_{4-a}$, $\overline{\text{Ti}(OR)_a}X_{4-a}$, where R is a hydrocarbon group, X for is a halogen atom, and a for a is a natural number of $0 \le a \le 4$ from 0 to 4; and wherein the silicon compound is represented by a general formula of $\overline{\text{R}_n\text{SiCl}_{n-4}\text{R}_n\text{SiCl}_{n-4}}$, where R is hydrogen, an aryl, alkoxy, haloalkyl or alkyl group having 1-10 carbon atoms, or a halosilylalkyl or halosilyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms, and n and is n for a natural number of $0 \le n \le 4$ from 0 to 4.
- 22. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the titanium compound comprises a 4-halogenated titanium, a 3-halogenated alkoxytitanium, a 2-halogenated alkoxytitanium, or a tetralkoxytitanium tetralkoxytitanium, and wherein the silicon compound is silicon tetrachloride, a trichlorosilane, a dichlorosilane, or a monochlorosilane.
- 23. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein saidthe titanium compound is titanium tetrachloride, and saidthe silicon compound is silicon tetrachloride.

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24. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the amount of the mixture of saidthe titanium compound and saidthe silicon compound is 0.1-200 mol per mole of saidthe halogenated magnesium compound, and the molar ratio of saidthe titanium compound to saidthe silicon compound in the mixture is 0.05-0.95.

- 25. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the aluminum compound comprises a trialkylaluminum havingcomprising an alkyl group of 1-6 carbon atoms, an aluminum compound havingcomprising one or more halogen atoms, or mixtures thereof.
- 27. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the ester compound eontaining comprising at least one hydroxy group comprises 2-hydroxy ethylacrylate, 2-hydroxy ethylacrylate, 2-hydroxy butylate, 2-hydroxy propylmethacrylate, 4-hydroxy butylate, pentaerithritol tri-acrylate, 2-hydroxy ethyl acetate, methyl 3-hydroxy butylate, ethyl 3-hydroxy butylate, methyl 2-hydroxy isobutylate, ethyl 2-hydroxy isobutylate, methyl-3-hydroxy-2-methyl propionate, 2,2-dimethyl-3-hydroxy propionate, ethyl-6-hydroxy hexanoate, t-butyl-2-hydroxy isobutylate, diethyl-3-hydroxy glutarate, ethyl-lactate, isopropyl lactate, butyl-isobutyl lactate, isobutyl lactate, ethyl mandelate, dimethyl ethyl tartrate, ethyl tartrate, dibutyl tartrate, diethyl citrate, triethyl citrate, ethyl-2-hydroxy-caproate, diethyl bis-(hydroxymethyl) malonate, 2-hydroxy ethyl benzoate, 2-hydroxy ethyl salicylate, methyl-4-(hydroxy methyl) benzoate, methyl-4-hydroxy benzoate, ethyl-3-hydroxy benzoate, 4-methyl salicylate, ethyl salicylate, phenyl salicylate, propyl-4-hydroxy benzoate, phenyl-3-hydroxy naphthanoate,

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monoethylene glycol monobenzoate, diethylene glycol monobenzoate, triethylene glycol

monobenzoate, or hydroxy butyl-lactone.

(currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the phosphorus compound is a 28.

compound expressed by $PX_aR^1_b(OR^2)_c$, or $POX_dR^3_e(OR^4)_f$, $PX_aR^4_b(OR^2)_e$, or $POX_dR^3_e(OR^4)_f$;

where X is a halogen atom; and R¹, R², R³ or R⁴ is a hydrocarbon of an alkyl, or alkenyl or aryl

group, having 1-20 carbon atoms, each of which can be same or different from one another, with

 $a + b + c = 3, 0 \le a \le 3, 0 \le b \le 3,$

 $0 \le c \le 3$, d + e + f = 3, $0 \le d \le 3$, $0 \le e \le 3$, and $0 \le f \le 3$. a + b + c = 3, $0 \le a \le 3$, $0 \le b \le 3$

 $d + e + f = 3, 0 \le d \le 3, 0 \le e \le 3, \text{ and } 0 \le f \le 3.$

29. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the silicon compound

having comprising alkoxy groups is a compound of a general formula of $R_n Si(OR)_{4-n}$, $R_n Si(OR)_4$

_n, where R is a hydrocarbon group having 1-12 carbon atoms, and <u>n is a n is a natural number</u>

from 1-3 of 1-3.

30. (currently amended): The method of claim 17, wherein the titanium compound comprises

 $TiCl_4$, $TiBr_4$, and- TiI_4 , $Ti(OCH_3)Cl_3$, $Ti(OC_2H_5)Cl_3$, $Ti(OC_2H_5)Br_3$, $Ti(O(i-C_4H_9))Br_3$,

 $Ti(OCH_3)_2Cl_2$, $Ti(OC_2H_5)_2Cl_2$, $Ti(O(i-C_4H_9))_2Cl_2$, $Ti(OC_2H_5)_2Br_2$, $Ti(OCH_3)_4$, $Ti(OC_2H_5)_4$, or

 $Ti(OC_4H_9)_4$.

31. (previously presented): The method of claim 17, wherein the silicon compound

comprises silicon tetrachloride, methyltrichlorosilane, ethyltrichlorosilane, phenyl-

trichlorosilane, dimethylchlorosilane, diethyldichlorosilane, diphenyldichlorosilane,

methylphenyldichlorosilane, or trimethylchlorosilane.

32. (previously presented): The method of claim 17, wherein the aluminum compound

comprises triethylaluminum, triisobutylaluminum, ethylaluminum dichloride, diethylaluminum

chloride, ethylaluminum sesquichloride, or mixtures thereof.

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